

EARLY ASTORIA

"...IN THE SPRING OF '49 WE MOVED TO ASTORIA. AT THIS TIME THERE WERE BUT TWO FRAME HOUSES IN ASTORIA--MR. WELCH'S AND MR. DAVID INGALLS'. WE MOVED INTO ONE OF THE SHARK HOUSES THAT STOOD NEAR WHERE NOW STANDS THE PARKER HOUSE IN ASTORIA. THESE HOUSES WERE BUILT BY THE MEN FROM THE WRECKED VESSEL 'SHARK'. MR. VAN DUSEN HAD TO SPLIT OUT BOARDS FOR THE ROOFING AND CHINKING FOR THIS HOUSE...OUR HOUSE STOOD NEAR A LITTLE BAY, THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE BEING THREE OR FOUR FEET ABOVE THE GROUND...MANY INDIANS WERE CAMPED ON THE HILLS NEAR OUR HOUSE..TIME PASSED AND WE BUILT US A COMFORTABLE HOME IN UPPERTOWN AND HERE IN 1852 I WAS KEEPING BOARDERS." ABOUT 1864 THE VAN DUSEN FAMILY MOVED TO A NEW HOME AT 16TH AND FRANKLIN.

Caroline Childs Van Dusen Cumtux, Vol. 3, No.1, Pg. 7

IN 1846, ACCORDING TO NEIL HOWISON, CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOONER SHARK, ASTORIA HAD TEN HOUSES INCLUDING A WAREHOUSE, TWO INDIAN LODGES, A COOPER'S AND A BLACKSMITH'S SHOP. ABOUT THIRTY PEOPLE LIVED THERE.

From "The Schooner Shark" by Jim Dennon 1988

IN 1848, SAMUEL MCKEAN JR. FIRST SAW ASTORIA. "THERE SEEMED TO BE NOTHING BUT FORESTS AND HILLS ON THE ONE SIDE AND WATER ON THE OTHER..LOOKING TO THE EASTWARD THERE WAS AN OPEN GRASS-COVERED TRACT, WHERE THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE SMALL BUILDINGS. THESE HOUSES WERE OCCUPIED BY SOME OF THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY PEOPLE, ONE AS A STORE, OTHERS AS DWELLINGS, ETC., AND WERE SITUATED JUST SOUTH OF WHERE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL NOW STANDS. A LITTLE NEARER THE HILLS, LOOKING ABOUT SOUTHEAST, I DISCOVERED ANOTHER LITTLE GREEN SPOT..UPON WHICH STOOD THE..RESIDENCE OF MR. JAMES WELCH, ONE HALF OF WHICH WE WERE TO OCCUPY..IN THE FOREGROUND..WAS A LITTLE CLUSTER OF INDIAN SHANTIES, RANGING FROM THE WATER'S EDGE UP THE SIDE OF THE HILL, NEAR WHERE THE FERRELL SAW MILL SINCE STOOD. IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF US AND CLOSE TO THE BEACH WAS A LITTLE LOG HOUSE IN A CLEARING WHICH..WAS THE RESIDENCE OF ..COL. MCCLURE..THERE WERE TWO OR THREE SMALL BUILDINGS WEST OF MCCLURE'S, AND A CABIN OR SHANTY ON WHAT WAS CALLED SHARK'S POINT.."

From a manuscript at the Astoria Public Library

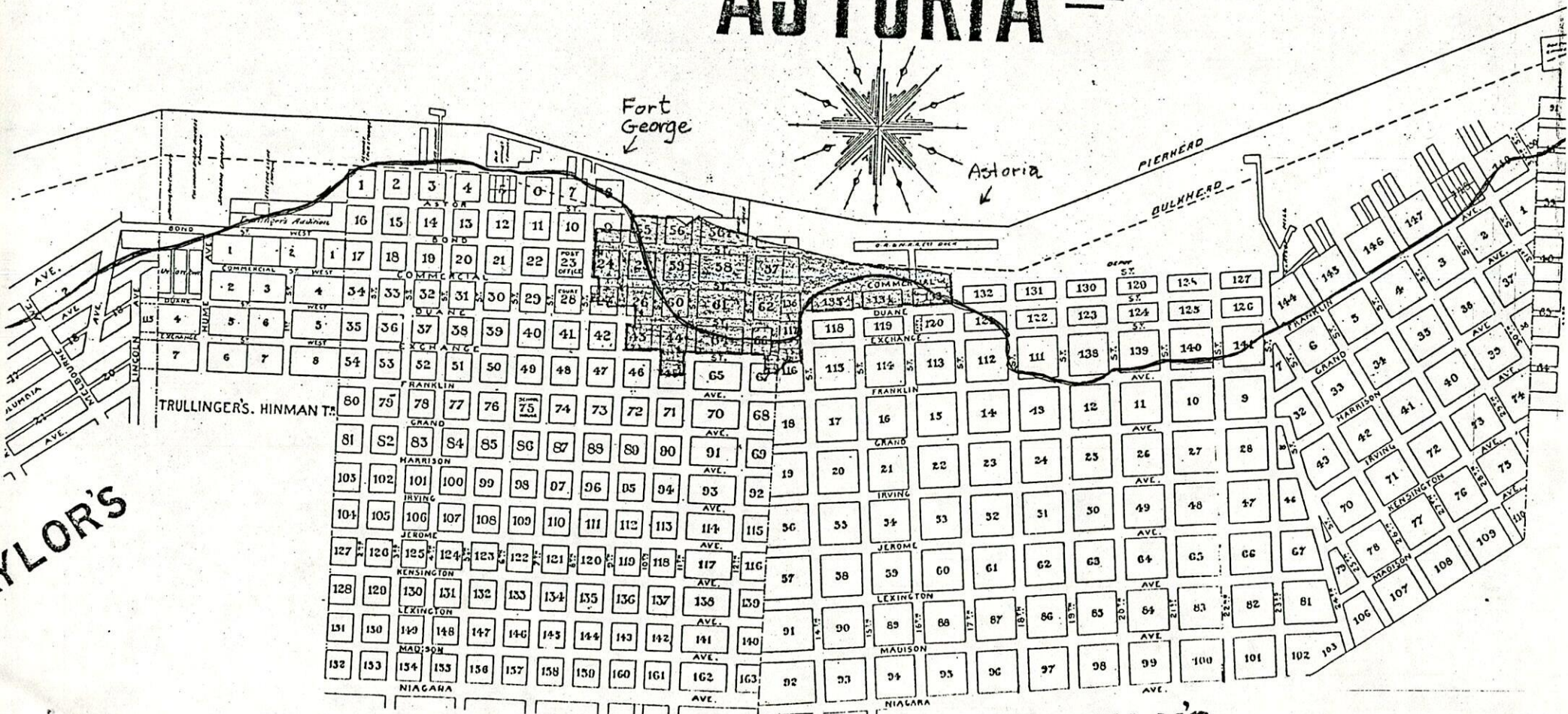
IN 1852, ACCORDING TO P.W. GILLETT, ASTORIA HAD ONLY TWO STORES, ONE POOR OLD SAWMILL, ABOUT TWENTY HOUSES INCLUDING THE OLD BOELLING HOTEL (ASTORIA HOTEL).

From the unpublished diary of P.W. Gillett

SPRING 1853 "ASTORIA IS BUILT ON A SIDE HILL WITH A VERY HEAVY TIMBER BACK WITHOUT ROADS OR STREETS AND WITH ONLY ABOUT 12 HOUSES. FT. GEORGE IS ABOUT ONE MILE BELOW AND HAS PERHAPS TWO OR THREE MORE HOUSES THAN ASTORIA BUT POSSESSES NO MORE NATURAL ADVANTAGES, NOR ARTIFICIAL, UNLESS IT IS IN HAVING THE SOLDIERS STATIONED THERE AND HAVING THE CUSTOM HOUSE THERE."

"Letters of Charles Stevens" edited by E. Ruth Rockwood in Oregon Historical Quarterly

MAP
OF
A PORTION OF
ASTORIA

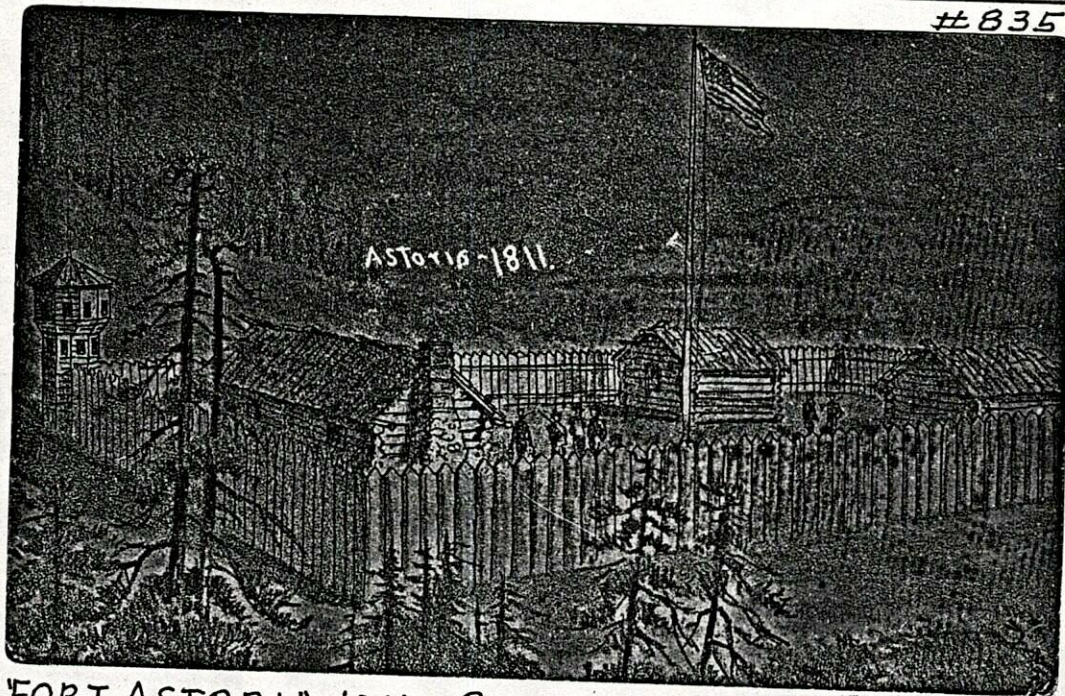


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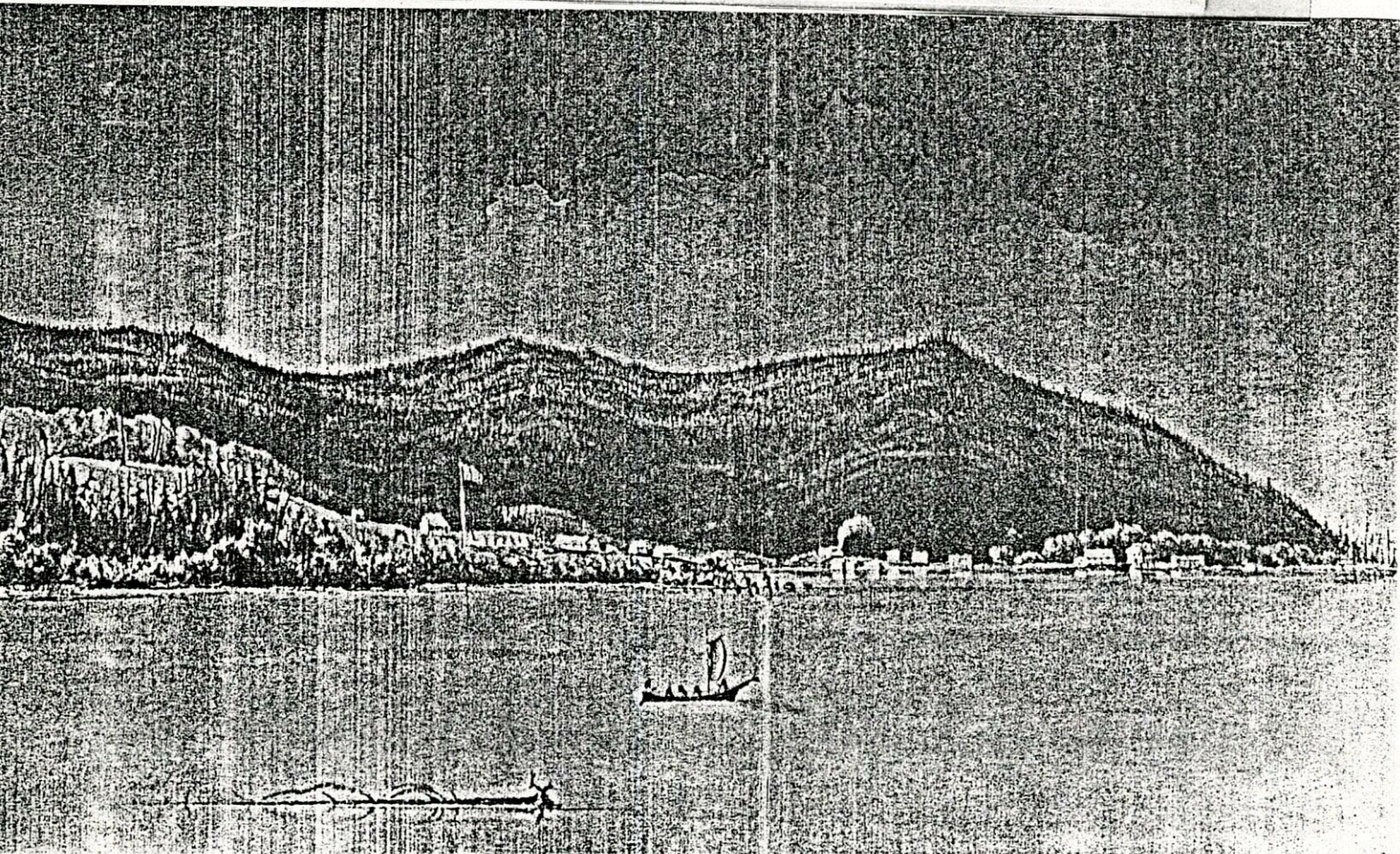
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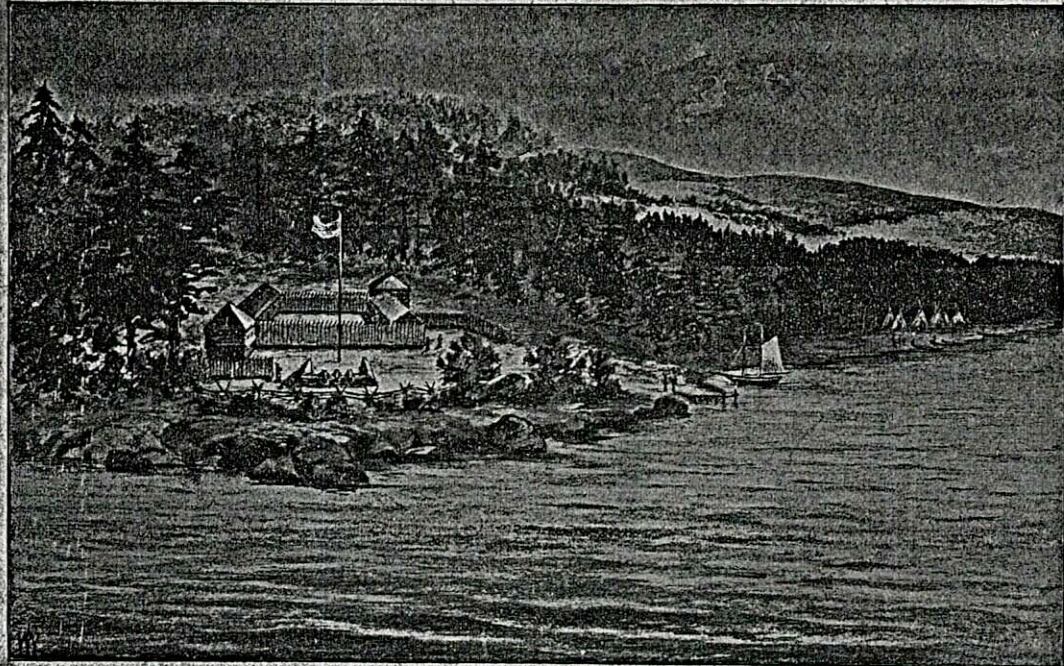


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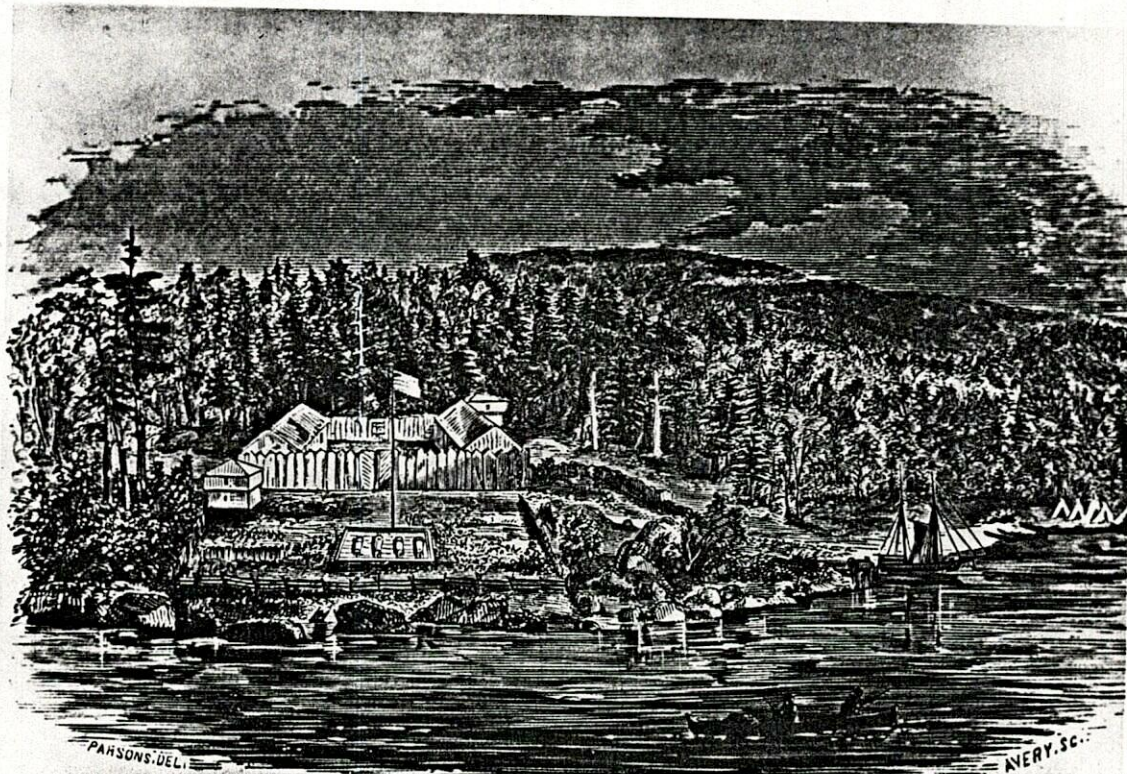
Military outpost by a river, watercolor, 7-5/16 x 12-13/16 in. Astoria? Courtesy Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, M. and M. Karolik Collection.

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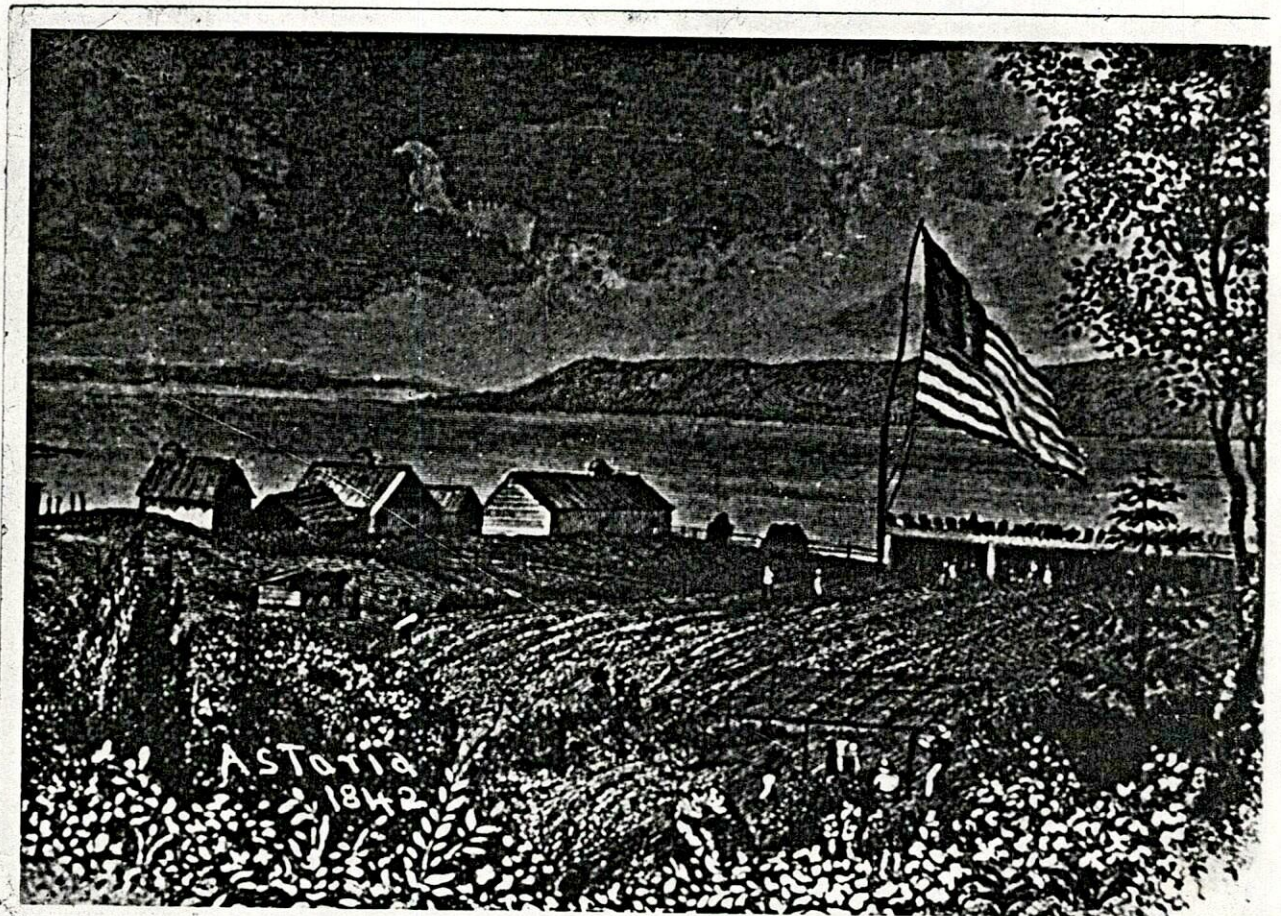
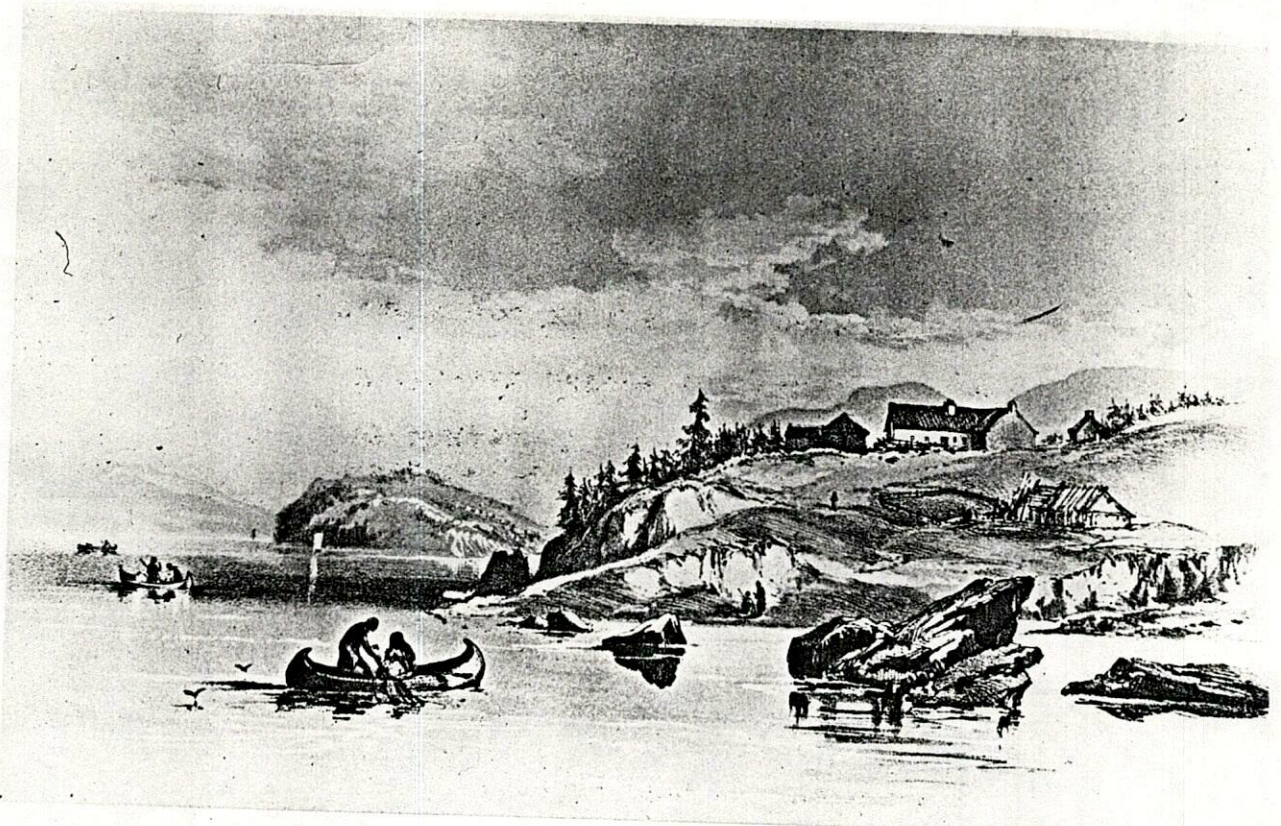


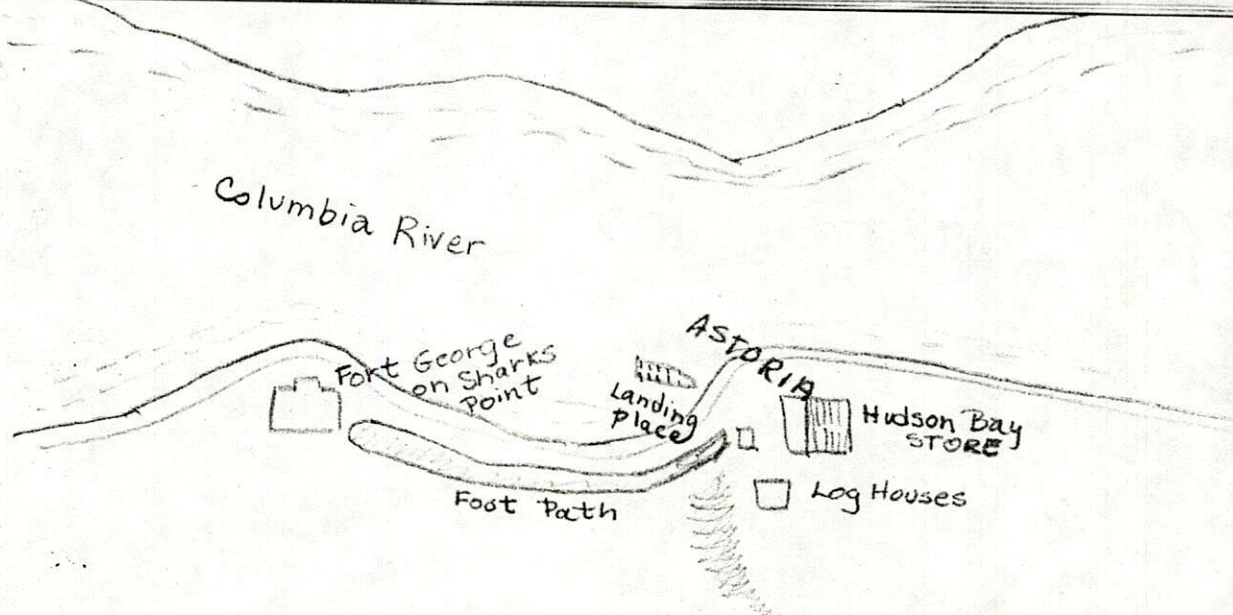
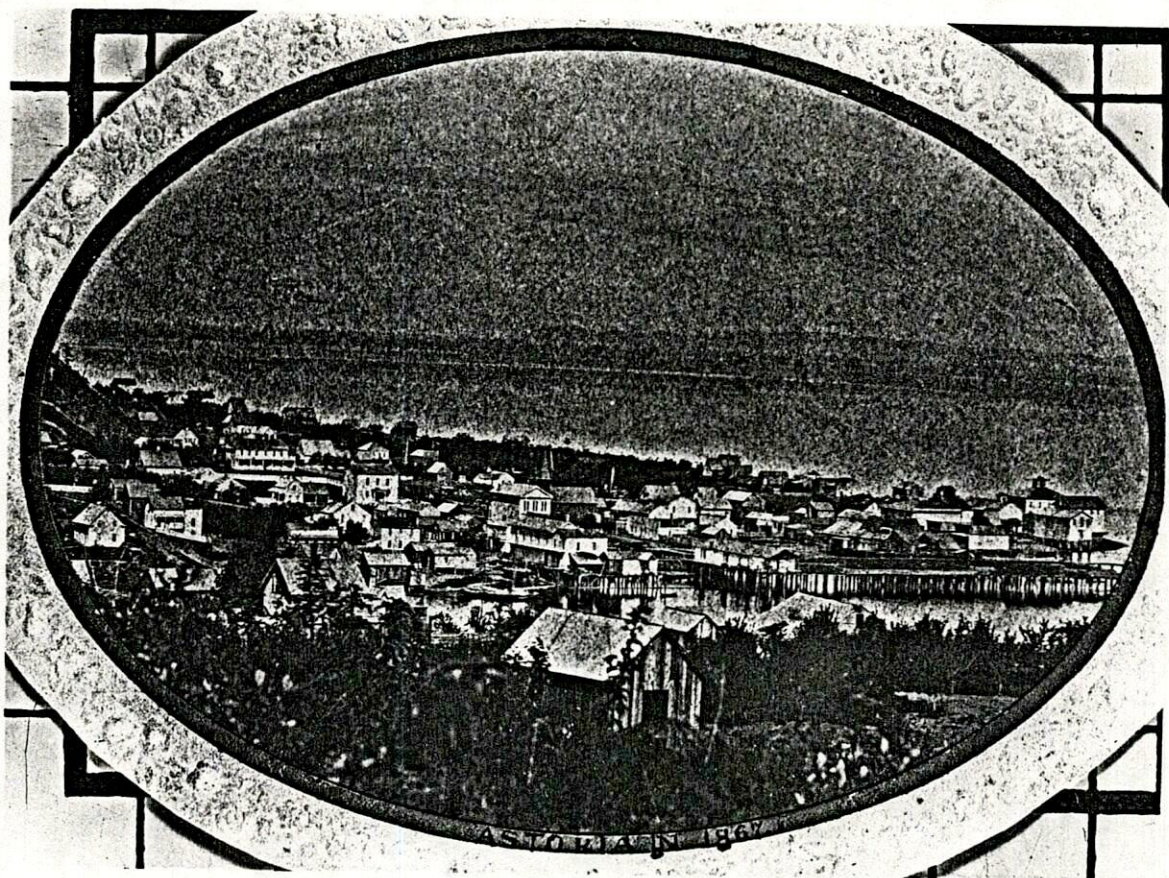
ASTORIA IN 1811.

Courtesy of G. P. Putnam's Sons.



ASTORIA, AS IT WAS IN 1813.



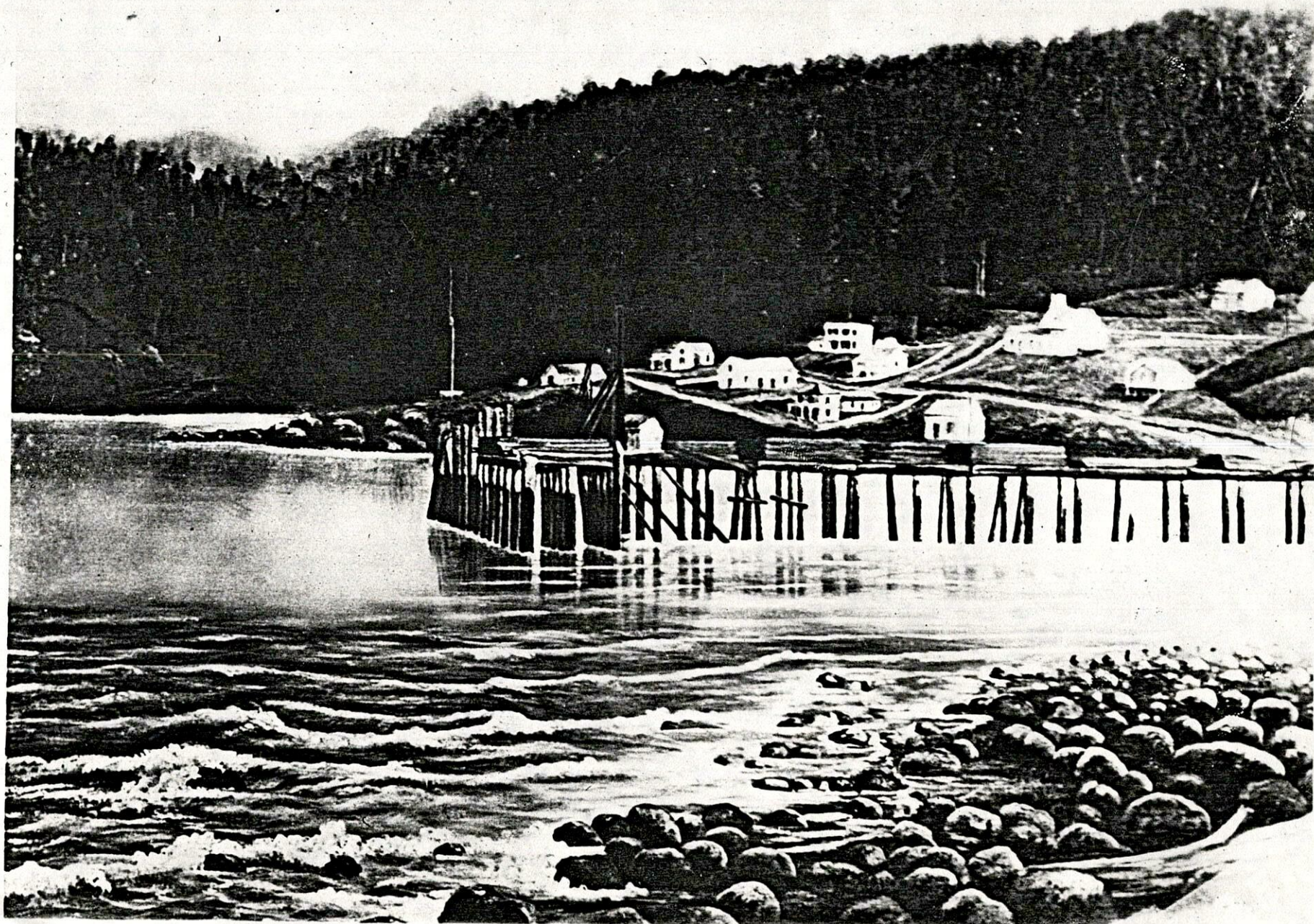


Map of ASTORIA in 1846
as I remember it
Mr. Burr Osborn

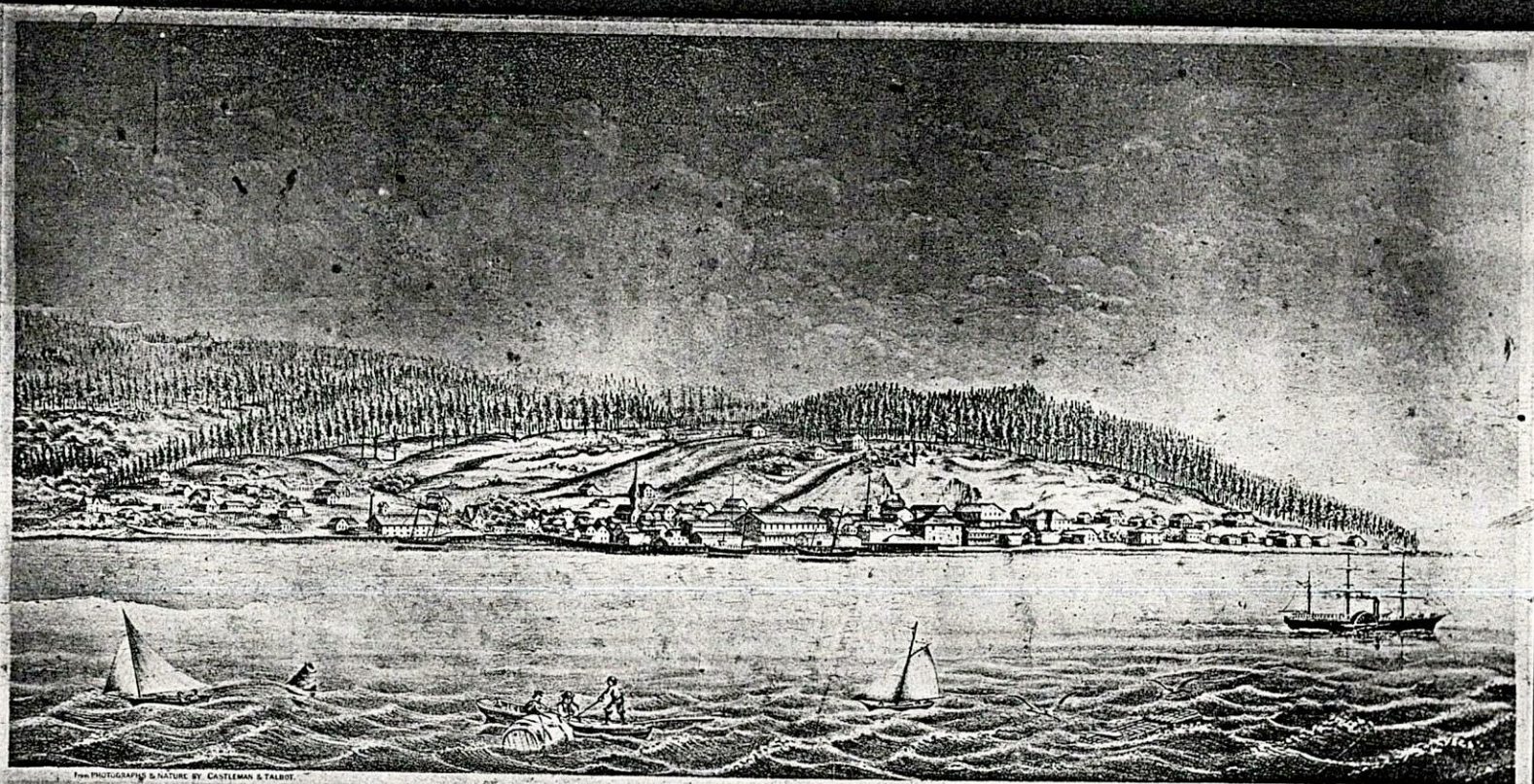
MISSIONARY'S HOUSE

TREE

A copy of a sketch by Burr Osborn, a
survivor of the wreck of the
"Shark"







THE PHOTOGRAPH BY CASTLEMAN & TALBOT.

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VIEW LOOKING UP THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

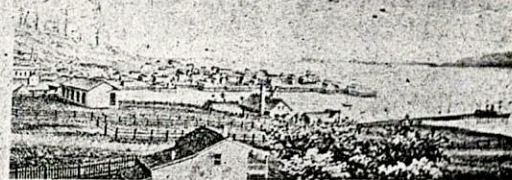
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VIEW OF ASTORIA FROM THE SEA.

